

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAJOR JAMES
"CHOCKS" EWALD

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major James "Chocks" Ewald of the Michigan Air National Guard. This heroic pilot has proven to possess incredible courage under exceptionally harrowing circumstances.

Major Ewald served with the Air Force for nine years, flying in support of contingency operations in Bosnia, Korea and Iraq. In 1998, he joined the 110th Fighter Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard. Since his transfer to the 110th, he has served as Flight Instructor and Squadron Weapons Officer. He recently returned from a four-month tour of duty in Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he flew over 30 combat sorties.

During a mission over Baghdad, Iraq on April 8, 2003, Major Ewald's A-10 warplane was struck by a surface-to-air missile. Major Ewald courageously continued to fly the damaged aircraft for about 12 minutes, during which time he made valiant decisions that enabled him to recover vital Iraqi intelligence information. He completed several battle damage checklists, identified critical aircraft system operations, made tentative plans for aircraft recovery and gathered important information about threats affecting future Close Air Support operations. Afterward he not only managed to perform an injury-free ejection, he also evaded potential capture by gathering his survival equipment and hiding in thick foliage a short distance from his parachute landing. He was rescued by friendly U.S. Army units within 15 minutes of the crash. Less than a week after the incident, Major Ewald admirably resumed his service to our country.

Mr. Speaker, the valor and sacrifice of our men and women in the Armed Forces cannot be praised enough. The heroism, hard work and patriotism of this courageous man should be applauded. I would like you and all of my colleagues join me in commending Major James "Chocks" Ewald for his limitless courage and leadership during his service to our country and in wishing both him and his family many more happy years of life. Major Ewald has truly shown the nation what it means to be a hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 15, 2003, during Rollcall 108-364 on the Paul Amendment, one of a series of rolled votes on amendments to H.R. 1950, I cast my vote in error. Had I voted as I intended, I would have voted "no."

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZA-
TION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2004
AND 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1950) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 1950, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act. This legislation includes much needed reforms to how the United States distributes foreign aid. President Bush's new foreign aid initiative, the Millennium Challenge Account, offers aid only to those countries that meet certain standards of respecting human rights, investing in the future of their peoples, and promoting economic opportunity and freedom. With this proposal, President Bush has issued a challenge to help those that are less fortunate, to promote universal human rights and values around the world, and to be part of the worldwide spread of democracy and freedom.

This past March, I introduced H. Con. Res. 119, a resolution that offers Congress's condolences to the loved ones of those innocent Americans that have been killed in Israel, and calls on the Palestinian Authority to work with Israel to protect all innocent people (regardless of citizenship) from terrorist violence.

Sadly, since H. Con. Res. 119 was introduced, four more Americans have been murdered by Palestinian terrorists. That is why I offered an amendment to H.R. 1950 that incorporates the text of H. Con. Res. 119 with some additions to reflect the deaths and injuries inflicted on American citizens by terrorists since its introduction.

Since Yasser Arafat, on behalf of the Palestinian people, renounced violence in the Oslo Peace Accords on September 13, 1993, at least 41 Americans have been killed by Palestinian terrorists. At least another 79 Americans have been injured in terrorist attacks. That grim total includes a knife attack on an expectant mother that resulted in the death of her unborn child.

My amendment also requires that the State Department begin to include the killing of every American by terrorists in its annual "Chronology of Significant Terrorist Incidents," as reported in future Patterns of Global Terrorism reports.

This amendment will make the American public more aware of the harm coming to our citizens overseas and show the surviving families that Congress knows and cares about the deaths of their loved ones. And it will reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that terrorism—

both in America and in Israel—will be defeated.

I would like to thank International Relations Committee Chairman HENRY HYDE and Ranking Member TOM LANTOS for their assistance and support for H. Con. Res. 119 and this amendment. In addition to my own staff, I also want to thank Andrew Shore and Shalla Ross of the House Republican Conference and Paul Teller of the Republican Study Committee for their hard work on this issue.

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SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Chairman, I rise to offer my support for this bill funding America's international diplomatic and humanitarian efforts. However, I do not do so without reservations. I strongly opposed the Republicans callously stripping funding from this legislation that would aid women throughout the world. Out of compassion for the plight of many women and the millions of children born into poverty each year, this House should honor our nation's longstanding commitment to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

UNFPA is the largest internationally funded source of population assistance to developing countries. For over 3 decades, UNFPA has provided over \$6 billion in assistance to more than 150 countries for voluntary family planning and maternal and child health care. Contrary to accusations made by its antichoice proponents, UNFPA does not provide abortions or abortion service. They prevent the need for abortions by educating women in other countries on the many advantages to services such as contraception and disease prevention.

For the last 3 years, the Bush Administration has unilaterally cancelled funding for the UNFPA initiative, claiming that UNFPA plays a role in the coercive abortion practices of the Chinese government.

Just last year, upon the President's request, three monitoring teams visited China to investigate UNFPA's program, including a group from the U.S. Not one of the three groups, who also consisted of a former Dutch Ambassador to NATO and a group from the British parliament, found evidence of coercive practices and recommended the release of funding for the UNFPA.

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